

**Annual Storm Water Report 2004  
For  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**

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## PART 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

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## PART 1I ANNUAL REPORT

### 1. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

<b>BMP/ID Responsible Party</b>	<b>Measurable Goal</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Changes/Goals for next reporting year</b>
A. Conduct education activities  Dept of Public Works	Develop web-based annual newsletter and post on the City's Website by December, 2003	This report has been posted on the web: <a href="http://www.cityofportsmouth.com">www.cityofportsmouth.com</a> , click on Public Works, then click on Storm-water Protection	Annual reports thereafter will be posted during the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter calendar year.
B.  Planning Dept	An annual report will be presented to the Planning Board, which is responsible for enforcement of site review regulations to include water quality protection measures, and the Conservation Commission, which deals with the wetlands and ties into water quality.	This report will be provided to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission and followed up with a presentation.	Report is not yet complete. However, anticipated completion and to review with the Board June 17, 2004 and the Commission June 9, 2004.
C.  Dept of Public Works	Stencil storm-water basins	Currently 15 catch basins are stenciled. DPW will coordinate w/ Seagrant Extension of UNH and other organizations for scheduled stenciling activities in 2004.	

**1. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH (CON'T)**

<b>BMP/ID Responsible Party</b>	<b>Measurable Goal</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Changes/Goals</b>
<p>D.</p> <p>Dept of Public Works</p>	<p>Develop informational video</p>	<p>A joint venture with the Seacoast Storm-water Coalition created the storm-water video "There is No Away". Beginning February 2004, the video is aired on the government channel every Saturday evening. Also, a link is provided on the web to view the video for those who have Quicktime, Windows Media Player or MPEG-1. Go to: <a href="http://www.cityofportsmouth.com">www.cityofportsmouth.com</a> click on Public Works then click on Storm-water Protection</p>	<p>Video will be aired and linked on an on-going basis through 2005.</p>

## 2. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

<b>BMP/ID Responsible Party</b>	<b>Measurable Goal</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Changes/Goals</b>
<p>E. Support current and future public input.</p> <p>Dept. of Public Works</p>	<p>Reduce litter and other solids and wastes from entering storm drains and water ways.</p>	<p>DPW coordinates efforts to clean up public lands of debris around sensitive watersheds. Provided assistance to Advocates of the North Mill Pond, Friends of the South end to clean up of 4 public areas, Blue Oceans Society clean-up of Peirce Island. Continued work with the Mayor's Blue Ribbon for dogs to manage waste at the dog park. The City also sponsors the "Adopt a Spot" program – volunteers to the City, who help clean up and beautify more than 100 different locations throughout the City.</p>	<p>Obtain approximate measurements, i.e. number of bags or volume/weight of litter collected from clean-up activities.</p>

## 2. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION (CON'T)

<p>F.</p> <p>Planning Dept.</p>	<p>Continue Public Hearing Sessions at Land Use Boards</p>	<p>Currently the City is completing its Master Plan, which ties into the Storm-water Management Plan and site review regulations. A very broad base of the public is involved in the development of the Master Plan. Once the Master plan is complete the City will continue to solicit the public's input as it develops the Storm-water Management Plan and City ordinance for site review, via public readings, hearings and comment session.</p>	
<p>G.</p> <p>Dept of Public Works</p>	<p>Review existing committees to ensure storm-water pollution prevention issues are properly addressed and prevent duplication of efforts.</p>	<p>DPW has compiled a list of existing committees and boards.</p>	<p>DPW will catalogue the various committees and their missions and ensure they include where appropriate storm-water pollution issues.</p>

### 3. ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION

<b>BMP/ID Responsible Party</b>	<b>Measurable Goal</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Changes/Goals</b>
<p>H. Map existing drainage systems and outfalls</p> <p>Dept of Public Works</p>	<p>Create "GIS" coverage and create storm-water maps</p>	<p>Storm-water map/model is completed December 2003. Model includes streams, 109 miles of drainage pipe, 105 outfalls, and 4,700 catch basins.</p>	<p>Majority of known system has been mapped. Mapping will continue as unknown pipes are uncovered.</p>
<p>I. Investigate non-storm-water discharges</p> <p>Dept of Public Works</p>	<p>Identify any illicit discharges and eliminate.</p>	<p>The City continues to work with DES on results of shoreline sensitivity survey. Dennett St illicit discharge elimination project has been completed Aug. '03. As a result of this project additional illicit discharges are suspected and being investigated. One illicit discharge has been identified and removed. Additional work is being coordinated with the DES to locate and eliminate any other illicit discharges.</p>	

### 3. ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION (CON'T)

<b>BMP/ID Responsible Party</b>	<b>Measurable Goal</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Changes/Goals</b>
J. Develop and implement plan to detect and address non-storm-water discharges  Dept of Public Works	Create standard operating procedures for the detection of non-storm-water discharges	DPW crew have been trained and will receive refresher training to make continual observations for non-storm-water discharges while at their work sites and out in the field throughout Portsmouth.	DPW will further investigate existing regulatory mechanisms to devise a way to routinely observe outfalls during dry weather flows.
K.  Dept of Public Works	Develop Mapping, Training and Reporting Protocols		This essentially is redundant of items "H" through "J" and therefore has been removed from the list of BMPs.

### 4. CONSTRUCTION SITE STORM-WATER RUNOFF CONTROL

<b>BMP/ID Responsible Party</b>	<b>Measurable Goal</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Changes/Goals</b>
L. Develop Ordinance for Erosion and Sediment Controls  Planning Dept.	Creation of Storm-water ordinance	Currently the City is completing its Master Plan, which ties into the Storm-water Management Plan and site review regulations. Once the Master plan is complete the City will develop the Storm-water Management Plan and appropriate City Ordinances.	Master Plan anticipated to be complete September '04. Target date for ordinances 2005-2006.



#### 4. CONSTRUCTION SITE STORM-WATER RUNOFF CONTROL (CON'T)

<b>BMP/ID Responsible Party</b>	<b>Measurable Goal</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Changes/Goals</b>
M. Creation of standard details for erosion controls  Dept of Public Works	Create AutoCAD files, which will detail the standards for erosion control. Files will be used for in-house design and for dissemination to the public as requested.	DPW is in the process of creating these files.	Completion of AutoCAD files anticipated no later than September 2005.
N. Evaluate the current Site Plan Review procedures  Planning Dept.	All procedures at the Planning dept which involve site review on any level reviewed and updated as necessary.	Currently the City is completing its Master Plan, which ties into the Storm-water Management Plan and site review regulations. Once the Master plan is complete in conjunction to reviewing and/or developing appropriate ordinances for site review, the Planning Dept will review its procedures for site review.	Target date for ordinances and procedures 2005-2006.

#### 4. CONSTRUCTION SITE STORM-WATER RUNOFF CONTROL (CON'T)

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O.  Dept of Public Works Zoning Officer	<p>Enforce new ordinance.</p> <p>Create educational pamphlet (or other appropriate mechanism) to be handed out during construction permitting or other like process to ensure contractors and the general public are aware of any new or modified rules.</p> <p>Ensure compliance via site inspections, permitting process, or other appropriate mechanisms as determined by the nature of the new or modified ordinance.</p>		Target date: 2005-2006 (upon passing any new or amended ordinances)

#### 5. POST-CONSTRUCTION RUNOFF CONTROL

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P. Develop ordinance for Post-construction Runoff  Planning Dept.	Creation of Storm-water ordinance for Post-construction Run-off.	Currently the City is completing its Master Plan, which ties into the Storm-water Management Plan and site review regulations. Once the Master plan is complete the City will develop the Storm-water Management Plan and appropriate City Ordinances.	Master Plan anticipated to be complete September '04. Target date for ordinances 2005-2006.

## 6. GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

<b>BMP/ID Responsible Party</b>	<b>Measurable Goal</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Changes/Goals</b>
Q. Employee training in Storm-water BMPs  Dept of Public Works	Holding training for City employees who are effected or will effect the BMPs.	Highway personnel, Water & Sewer personnel required to attend in-house training (November '03). They were provided an introduction to the storm-water pollution issues at hand, an update of the regulations and viewed the video "There is No Away".	Yearly training will be required of all appropriate personnel to provide them updates of any BMPs and new requirements of them while performing their job.
R. Catch Basin Cleaning  Dept of Public Works	Create a list of identified critical basins for regular cleaning and clean every basin within a 4 year cycle.	List to be compiled by December 2005	
S. Sweep Streets  Dept of Public Works	All City streets swept at a minimum once per year.  Daily street sweeping of areas identified as significant litter/pollution areas.	As of April 30, 2004, 85% of the 107 miles of city streets were swept in accord with the annual BMP standard. Estimated completion date May 15, 2004.  6 days /week street sweeping of the business/tourist district commencing in the Spring through the Fall.	

**6. GOOD HOUSEKEEPING (CON'T)**

<b>BMP/ID Responsible Party</b>	<b>Measurable Goal</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Changes/Goals</b>
<p>T. Hold Household Hazardous Waste Collection events annually</p> <p>Dept of Public Works</p>	<p>Quantify diverted hazardous waste</p>	<p>DPW held events in May and October of 2003. The waste is measured by different methods, i.e. weight verses liquid volume. Therefore it is difficult to quantify the actual tonnage of hazardous waste collected and diverted from polluting bodies of waster. However a log of the diverted hazardous waste is compiled in Attachment I, which provides a form of quantifying.</p>	
<p>U. Calibrate Salt/Sand Spreaders</p> <p>Dept of Public Works</p>	<p>All salt/sand spreaders used during snowstorms are calibrated.</p>	<p>Equipment is calibrated mechanically. Logs to be completed by the truck drivers and information compiled.</p>	<p>Forms for Truck Drivers to log information to be created. A session on the use of forms and taking readings will be conducted. Responsible party to be identified to compile information. Target date: Fall 2005.</p>

**6. GOOD HOUSEKEEPING (CON'T)**

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V. Prepare Annual Storm-water Report  Dept of Public Works			While this is a regulatory requirement, this is not a BMP with measurable goals. The report will still be prepared and submitted annually in May. However this BMP will not be listed.

**7. BMPs FOR MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF PART 1.C AND PART 1.D**

<b>BMP/ID Responsible Party</b>	<b>Measurable Goal</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Changes/Goals</b>
W. Storm/Sanitary Sewer Separation  Dept of Public Works	Quantify separation of sewers.	2,400 ft of combined sewer has been separated in 2003. Additionally 3 storm water treatment systems (Downstream Defenders and Vortechincs) have been installed at the storm water outlets at the South Mill Pond.  This work will be on going for many years as a part of our Long Term Pollution Control Plan.	

## 7. BMPs FOR MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF PART 1.C AND PART 1.D

BMP/ID Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Status	Changes/Goals
<p>X. Upgrades to Sewage Pump Stations</p> <p>Dept of Public Works</p>	<p>Increased pumping and treatment of sewage</p>	<p>Improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ replacement of the Mechanic Street Pumping Station radio telemetry system,</li> <li>♦ design for a new Deer Street Pumping Station,</li> <li>♦ Gosling Rd Pump Station, and</li> <li>♦ maximize the flow to the City's Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Plant</li> </ul> <p>This work will be on going for many years as a part of our Long Term Pollution Control Plan.</p>	

ATTACHMENT I  
QUANTITIES OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DIVERTED

<u>May '03:</u>		<u>October '03:</u>	
Type of Waste (Gallons or number of drums)	Quantity	Type of Waste (Gallons or number of drums)	Quantity
Non-Processable Paints in can	5-FBIN	Non-Processable Paints in can	10-FBIN
Aerosols	5-55DM	Aerosols	5-55DM
Asbestos	1-55DM	Lab Packs for Aqueous Treatment	4-30DF
Lab Packs for Aqueous Treatment	1-55DM	Lab Packs for Incineration	1-16DF
Lab Packs for Incineration	5-55DM	Organic Material suitable for incineration	1-30DF
Organic Material suitable for incineration	1-30DF	Oil based paints in cans	8-FBIN
Mercury for Stabilization	1-5DF	Solvents	7-55DM
Oil based paints in cans	10-FBIN	Pesticide Liquid	3-55DF
Solvents	10-FBIN	Pesticide - Solid	2-55DF
Lab Pack	1-30DM	Ethylene Glycol	5-55DM
PCB's for secure Chemical Landfill	1-5DF	Alkaline Batteries w/ Mercury	1-16DM
Fluorescent light bulbs	6,058 feet	Fluorescent light bulbs	3,195 feet
DM = Drum; FBIN = Flex Bin; DF = Drum Fiber		DM = Drum; FBIN = Flex Bin; DF = Drum Fiber	

ATTACHMENT II  
SUPPORTING NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UPS

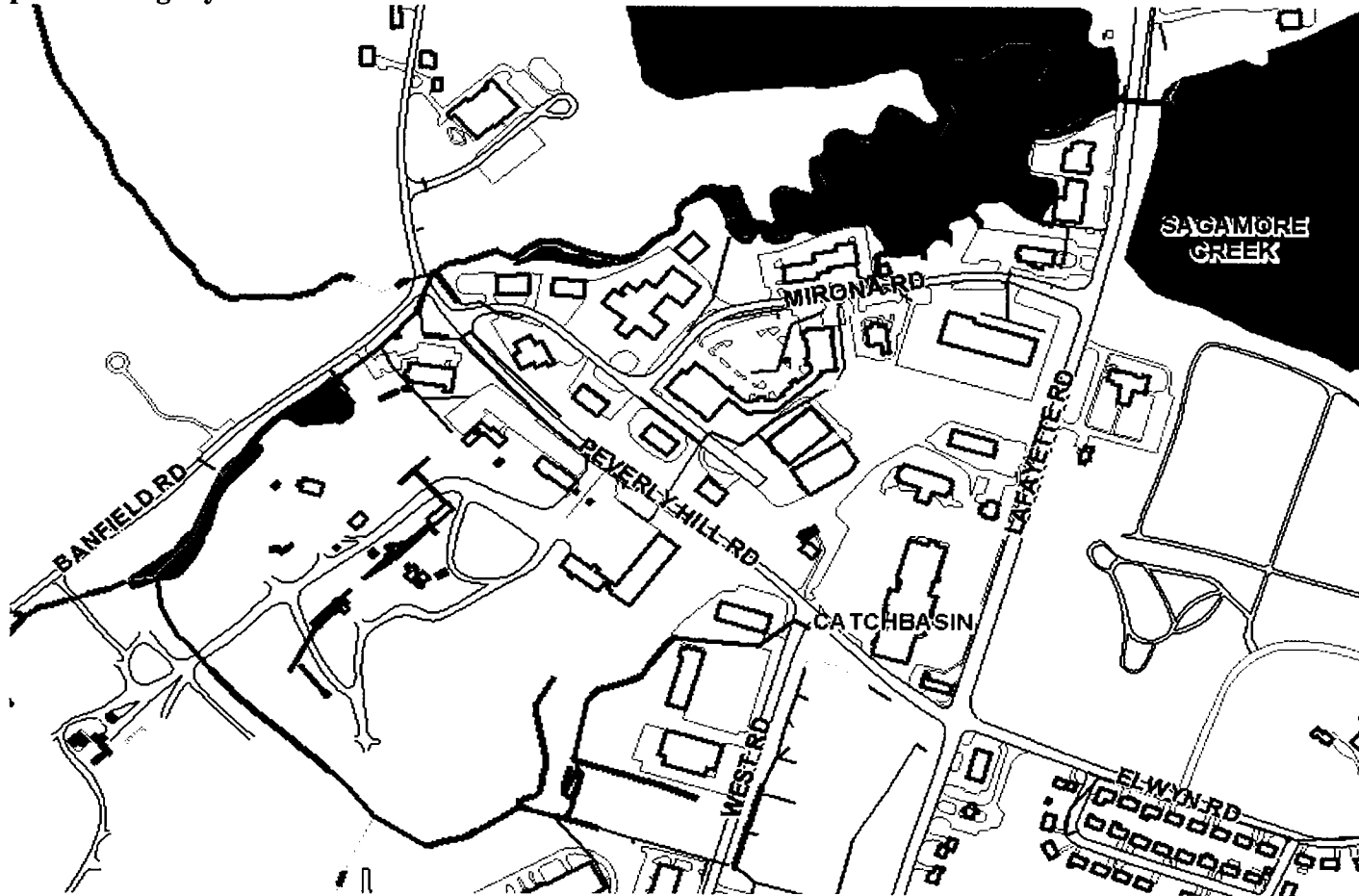


On April 17, 2004 the Blue Ocean Society collected 138 pounds of trash with 18 volunteers on Peirce Island



ATTACHMENT III  
GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

Example of map of drainage system and outfalls:



## **Part 1II Summary/Measure of Success**

Since the advent of the City of Portsmouth's NPDES Phase II Storm-water Management Plan the employees of the City of Portsmouth have begun implementing a comprehensive plan that will essentially transform and enhance the way storm-water run-off is perceived and treated here in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. We have begun the task of building the structure that will allow residents as well as employees of the city to focus efforts that will increase the capabilities for utilizing best management practices in the treatment of storm-water run-off.

The identification of a Storm-water Coordinator at the Public Works Department has allowed for improved coordination between City departments and the general public. The Coordinator not only writes and maintains the permit, but also represents the community in regional storm-water organizations such as the Seacoast Storm-water Coalition. This coalition of seacoast cities and towns was formed principally for the creation of a storm-water public education video, but has decided to continue meeting to address current and future storm-water concerns. The Coordinator also acts a hot line for residents or city crews wishing to report dry weather drainage flows. The Coordinator also assists in establishing new priorities as storm-water treatment technologies come on line. Employee training is now mandatory each year for all Public Works employees. This training concerns not only systematic approaches to identified best management practices but also explains why these rules exist in practical terms. For example, employees now understand that washing vehicles inside the truck barn allows the wash water to enter an oil/water separator where it is conveyed to the sanitary sewer system for proper treatment.

Our mapping is essentially complete. With a grant from NHDES, we have used GPS and GIS technology to create a geographically-based network model of the storm drain system. The model allows us to quickly identify the relationships between catch basins and outfalls, which is helpful in identifying illicit discharges. The network model currently includes virtually all of the city's streams, pipes, catch basins, and outfalls. A few questions remain in an area where the drainage system has changed repeatedly due to extensive development, and we hope to map that area with help from NHDES this summer.

As part of the on-going efforts to comply with the BMPs to reduce pollutant loads to the Piscataqua River and to comply with the City's CSO Long Term Control Plan, the City of Portsmouth has performed sewer separation projects on Court Street, Dennett Street and Rogers Street. In addition the City is in construction to separate sewers on sections of Parrot Avenue, Rockland Avenue, Sherburne Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. In total the City has separated approximately 2,400 ft of combined sewer as part of this

reporting period. In conjunction with these separation projects new storm drains with storm water treatment systems have been installed at the storm water outlets at the South Mill Pond.

In addition to the sewer separations, the City has been pursuing improvements to their pumping stations to maximize the flow to the City's Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Plant. These improvements include replacement of the Mechanic Street Pumping Station radio telemetry system. This telemetry system controls the pumping station and provides information to the treatment plant staff to better manage the pumping station's operation. The Mechanic Street Pumping Station's wet well was taken down and cleaned to improve pumping efficiency. The City is also in design at the Deer Street pumping Station to upgrade its capacity from 9.6 million gallons per day (mgd) to 12.5 mgd. Construction on this project should begin in the fall of 2004.